

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A keyboard comprising:
 - a plurality of keys for entering information;
 - 5 a moving mechanism for descending and ascending each key in a direction different from a vertical direction and for maintaining an orientation of the key top; and
 - a forcing member for forcing said moving mechanism to return the key to an original state.
- 10 2. A keyboard according to claim 1, wherein said moving mechanism includes:
 - first and second members, rotatably provided on a base that is fixed relative to the key, for supporting the key; and
 - 15 a coupling member for connecting the first and second members to each other and for synchronizing movements of the first and second members.
- 20 3. A keyboard according to claim 2, wherein said first and second members have U-shapes whose openings face each other, and said forcing member is located between the first and second members and made of an elastic member.
- 25 4. A keyboard according to claim 2, wherein the first and second members support the key at four points, and said coupling member synchronizes movements of the four points.

5. A keyboard according to claim 1, wherein said moving mechanism includes a rotary mechanism that rotates around a base fixed relative to the key, said keyboard further comprising a stopper for restricting a rotary angle of said moving mechanism so that the rotary angle of the moving mechanism may fall within a present range.

6. A keyboard according to claim 1, wherein said moving mechanism includes a rotary mechanism that rotates around a base fixed relative to the key so that the key top may approach to a user.

7. A keyboard according to claim 1, wherein said forcing member is a hollow elastic member, said keyboard further comprising, in a hollow part in the elastic member, a projection part for transmitting information on keying to a switch part for recognizing the keying.

8. An electronic apparatus comprising:
a keyboard that includes a plurality of keys for entering information, a moving mechanism for descending and ascending each key in a direction different from a vertical direction and for maintaining an orientation of the key top, and a forcing member for forcing the moving mechanism to return the key to an original state; and

a display part for displaying information input from said keyboard.